

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of FLORES, et al.

Confirmation No.: 4222

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Examiner: Craig, Dwin M.

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, ROMELIA H. FLORES, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in Keller, Texas, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I was employed by International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) in Armonk, New York at the time the above-identified application was conceived. I make this declaration in support the above-identified application.

2. IBM had invested substantial time and effort into the research, development, and marketing of their products, and in an effort to protect its rights in all new inventions, IBM requests that all employees prepare and submit confidential Invention Disclosure Forms upon conception by the inventor(s).

3. As one of the named inventors for this invention, I and my co-inventors submitted the attached IBM Confidential Invention Disclosure BOC8-2000-0096 for consideration to an IBM Attorney / Patent Professional for preparation of a patent application on November 14, 2000. The content of the disclosure has not been subsequently modified.

4. The Confidential Invention Disclosure represents a fully conceived and workable invention as written. I reviewed the claims of the above-mentioned patent application prior to submission of the application to assure the claimed invention was fully supported by the disclosure in light of the invention disclosure and art known at the time of the disclosure.

5. I diligently worked with outside counsel throughout 2001 to prepare and file the above-mentioned patent application.

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6. I make this Declaration to establish that I and my co-inventors conceived of the present invention at least as early as November 14, 2000, and exercised due diligence from prior to November 14, 2000 through July 31, 2001, the filing date for the above-identified patent application.

7. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

Romelia H. Flores
ROMELIA H. FLORES

Date: May 19, 2005

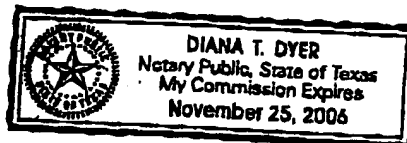
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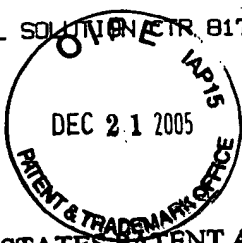
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The foregoing instrument was sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of MAY, 2005, by ROMELIA H. FLORES, who is personally known to me or who has produced IBM badge (type of identification) as identification.

Diana T. Dyer
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

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Sir:

I, PHILIP E. REED, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in Arlington, Texas, hereby declare and state as follows:

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Philip E. Reed
PHILIP E. REED

Date: 5/20/05

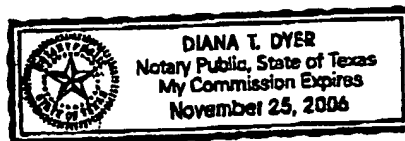
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The foregoing instrument was sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of MAY, 2005, by PHILIP E. REED, who is personally known to me or who has produced IBM Badge (type of identification) as identification.

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Sir:

I, LEONARD S. HAND, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in Red Creek, New York, hereby declare and state as follows:

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LEONARD S. HAND

Date: 5/19/05

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF Wayne)

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of May, 2005, by LEONARD S. HAND, who is personally known to me or who has produced Driver's license (type of identification) as identification.


NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK

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